

What is claimed is:

1. (Previously Presented) A retroreflective article, comprising:  
a polymeric compound, comprising:
  - 5 (a) a thermoplastic polymer capable of forming the article via extrusion or molding;
  - (b) glass microspheres; and
  - (c) metallic flakes,wherein the glass microspheres and metallic flakes impart retroreflectivity to  
10 the article, and  
wherein the retroreflectivity resides on all surfaces and throughout bulk of the article.
2. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein at least some of the  
15 glass microspheres are coated with a metal.
3. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the metal is aluminum and wherein the metallic flakes are aluminum.
- 20 4. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyhaloolefins, polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates, polystyrenes, polysiloxanes, and blends, mixtures, and alloys of them.
- 25 5. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is acrylic-styrene-acrylonitrile.
6. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the metallic flakes are present in an amount of from about 0.2 to about 1.5 weight percent  
30 of the compound.
7. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ wherein the compound further comprises colorant.

8. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the article is a motor vehicle part.

5 9. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the surfaces comprise flat surfaces, simple curved surfaces, compound curve surfaces or combinations thereof.

10 10. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the article is safety restraint or guide.

11. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the article is a decorative embellishment for an intentionally dimly-lit interior location.

15 12. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the article is a location or directional marker for exterior locations.

20 13. (New) The article of Claim 2, wherein the metal is aluminum and wherein the metallic flakes are aluminum, and wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyhaloolefins, polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates, polystyrenes, polysiloxanes, and blends, mixtures, and alloys of them.

25 14. (New) The article of Claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is acrylic-styrene-acrylonitrile and wherein the metallic flakes are present in an amount of from about 0.2 to about 1.5 weight percent of the compound.

30 15. (New) The article of Claim 2 wherein the compound further comprises colorant.

16. (New) The article of Claim 2, wherein the surfaces comprise flat surfaces, simple curved surfaces, compound curve surfaces or combinations thereof.

35 17. (New) The article of Claim 2, wherein the article is a motor vehicle part.

18. (New) The article of Claim 2, wherein the article is safety restraint or guide.

5           19. (New) The article of Claim 2, wherein the article is a decorative embellishment for an intentionally dimly-lit interior location.

20. (New) The article of Claim 2, wherein the article is a location or directional marker for exterior locations.

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